

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 01-08-14**

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For Work Week Commencing: August 13, 2001
Business Meeting: August 14, 2001, 9:00 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the later part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, emailed to all persons who have properly requested notice by email, and posted to the Public Service Commission's worldwide web site located at <http://www.psc.state.mt.us>.

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dave).

1. D2001.7.93 – Montana Power Company - Power Service Agreement – Application for approval of PPA b/t MPC and Rocky Mountain Power (8/14/01)
2. D2001.3.30 – Implementation of HB 645 – Electrical Energy Pool – Discuss/act on notice requesting applications for allocation from pool beginning 10/1/01 (8/14/01)
3. D2000.12.209 – Energy West Montana-Cascade – Propane Rate Increase – Discuss and/or act on Stipulated Agreement (Final order) between EWM-C and MCC. (8/14/01)
4. Annual Certification of ETCs to FCC – Discussion, direction, action on annual ETC certification to the FCC (8/14/01)

5. D2001.4.41, D2001.4.47, D2001.4.48, D2001.5.51, D2001.6.67 – 3 Rivers Telephone Coop and Verizon Wireless dba Gold Creek Cellular; Qwest and PWI Holdings, Inc. dba Pacific West Internet; Qwest and Ciera Network Systems; Qwest and Mountain West Internet; 3 Rivers Telephone Coop and WWC Holding – Discuss and act on applications for approval of Interconnection Agreements (8/14/01)
6. D2000.5.70 – Qwest271 Collaborative – Qwest has expressed concerns about the Montana process. At the work session, staff will review the process, previous Commission direction and Qwest concerns and get further direction from the Commission (8/14/01)
7. Commissioners/ACT – Attorney Hire – Update the Commission on hiring for the classified position and to discuss filling the fourth attorney position using an exemption. (8/14/01)

Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 8:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. MONTANA POWER COMPANY DOCKET NO. D2001.3.30 (Eric)

On August 3, 2001, MPC filed a Motion for Clarification and/or Reconsideration of the Accounting Order No. 6355a which was approved by the Commission on July 23, 2001. An order denying the Motion for Reconsideration has been drafted.

2. QWEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. Docket N2001.8.102 (Leroy)

On July 31, 2001, QWEST Communications, Inc, filed Tariff Transmittal 01-25 "Promotional Addendum for NONUTILITY Incentive - Access Line."

Business customers who purchase a *Stand-By Line* during the promotional period will be mailed a coupon to verify their name and address. Once the customer returns the coupon, a \$50.00 gift certificate to redeem at an online retail site will be mailed to the customer. The customer must keep the *Stand-By Line* in service for 60 days before the gift card will be mailed. This promotion will be available to new and existing business customers who subscribe to a *Stand-By Line*. The limited time promotion will run from September 4, 2001 through November 2, 2001.

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1. MDU Resources Group, Inc. DOCKET NO. D2001.7.94 (Eric)

On July 24, 2001, MDU Resources Group, Inc., filed an application seeking authorization to issue and sell up to an additional 2,600,000 shares of Common Stock, par value of \$1.00 per share in connection with the Company's 401(k) Retirement Plan. The Plan is the new name of two merged 401 (k) plans of the Applicant, namely the Tax Deferred Compensation Plan for non-bargaining unit employees (the "Savings Plan") and the Tax Deferred Compensation Plan for Collective Bargaining Unit Employees (the "Bargaining Unit Plan"). The merger of the Bargaining Unit Plan with and into the Savings Plan and the new name of the Plan were effective January 1, 1999.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 01-8-21

New Filings Received in Past Week

- D2001.8.104 CenturyTel - Cost Recovery Plan for Extension of Service for the Star Meadows Area
- D2001.8.105 Qwest and Intrado Inc. - Agreement for Terms and Conditions for Interconnection, Unbundled Network Elements, Ancillary Services, and Resale of Telecommunication Services